The Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) Program
Reclamation Division
Department of Natural Resources,


Wyndham collapse—Clay County

— in service since 1982, has been responsible for the restoration of many acres of hazardous and unproductive land. The Federal Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act provided for the collection of fees on active coal mining to pay for the reclamation of problems left behind from old coal mining practices. The Division of Reclamation, AML program, has used these funds to eliminate the safety issues of dangerous mine openings, subsidences, highwalls, mining related abandoned structures, trash, and environmentally harmful coal processing waste. Numerous streams and water bodies have been improved and thousands of acres of trees have been planted to stabilize and enhance the environment.

The goal of the AML Program is to increase the quality of reclaimed sites through utilization of advancing technology and broader participation of stakeholders. Collaborative work with effective reclamation partners will ensure that such work is conducted in a cost effective, expeditious manner to reduce the environmental damage and affect on public welfare.

AML Reclamation Completed by County Through April, 2010		
County	Number of Sites	$ Amount
Clay	196	$6,379,889
Daviess	26	$4,546,825
Dubois	14	$74,228
Fountain	4	$15,776
Gibson	8	$202,142
Greene	131	$8,240,451
Knox	33	$11,647,007
Martin	7	$1,423,860
Owen	5	$17,289
Parke	29	$480,442
Perry	7	$372,136
Pike	92	$28,239,737
Spencer	27	$2,468,977
Sullivan	101	$9,722,183
Vermillion	24	$1,048,738
Vigo	121	$12,387,554
Warrick	157	$24,360,509
Total	982	$111,627,743

The re-authorization of the AML program in 2006, created the means to finish the job we have started. We commit to actively seeking the cleanup of the remaining mining related problems. Ours is a monumental task: we want to see all past mining problems reclaimed to their full potential and a productive use.


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Weber Lake—Spencer County


Bolton Road - Greene County